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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 775

By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rick Carnes on being named the Businessman of the Year by the Powell Business and Professional Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Rick Carnes, who was recently awarded the honor of being named the 2001 Businessman of the Year by the Powell Business and Professional Association; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Powell area, Mr. Carnes started his towing business after he graduated from Powell High School in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the success of his professional career is evident in the continued expansion of his business since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carnes' towing company employs fourteen people and includes an automobile body repair shop, which was added in 1989; and

WHEREAS, his business operates nine wrecker units complete with a flagship truck that has been featured on the cover of two books, World's Greatest Tow Trucks and Big Book of Trucks, both of which are distributed internationally; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Powell community, Rick Carnes is admired for his impeccable character and integrity as a businessman; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable success as a business leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, an active member of numerous professional organizations including the Tennessee Towing and Recovery Professionals and the Tennessee Sheriffs Association, Mr. Carnes also lends his remarkable talents to such notable organizations as the Powell Lions Club and the Powell Business and Professional Association, in which he served as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant and an essential part of the Powell community, Rick Carnes has participated in numerous civic activities; and

WHEREAS, throughout his business career, Mr. Carnes has provided trucks for schools and other organizations, allowing them to participate in every Powell parade; he has also diligently worked with the Fourth of July Parade and provided a stage for the community's Fourth of July musical celebration; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep conviction, Rick Carnes is a member of the Powell United Methodist Church and has served the congregation as a Church Layleader, Trustee, and as a Member of the Administrative Board; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Carnes is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Theresa, and their four children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carnes epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Rick Carnes for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Rick Carnes on being named the 2001 Businessman of the Year by the Powell Business Association, commend him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.